

Director's Message:

As you may know, I started as Director of the Library on June 21st. Since then, I've been busy working with the library staff, meeting many people from the community and getting to know the Library and the many services we offer.

My main impression is that Rocky River Public Library is known to be a real 'jewel' in the community. Our talented and dedicated staff provides exceptional library services in a warm and collaborative environment. Additionally, our support groups continue to show their dedication and commitment to the Library. Our thanks go out to the Friends of the Library, the Women's Committee, the Library Foundation, and the Cowan Pottery Museum Associates for everything they do on behalf of your beautiful Library.

I would like to thank the Library Board of Directors for their unwavering dedication and support. Their support of, and interest in, Library services and activities is a main reason for the continued success of Rocky River Public Library.

I would like to thank retired Library Director John Lonsak for his willingness to share his knowledge of the Library and the community. In addition, I would like to thank Deputy Director Jamie Mason, the management staff at the Library, and the whole Rocky River Public Library staff for sharing their knowledge and expertise with me.

Have you visited the Library lately? It's a fine time to do so. Library services have come a very long way in recent years. We really do have something for everyone: the latest bestsellers and magazines, an ever expanding Blu-ray collection, an outstanding downloadable collection of audiobooks, e-Books, music and movies, and books galore in our Grand Reading Room and the Schlather Room. Our children's, teen and adult staff offer a wide variety of programs, as you will see in the following pages.

Additionally, to name just a few services, our public Computer Center and the Training Center offer state of the art computer access and training. We have a public fax machine and notary service, new computer and print management software, the increasingly popular *Text a Librarian* service, book discussion groups and meeting room space.

If you haven't been to the Library lately, just stop and we'll point you in the right direction as you begin to explore our many resources. And honestly, is there anywhere locally that has a more gorgeous environment in which to simply read a good book? Our Grand Reading Room is spectacular! Check out the view from the top of the stairs by the Children's Department for perhaps the best view in the Library.

I am personally very honored to have been selected to be Director of such a fine institution. Together with a staff that is dedicated to providing the very best of library services, I look forward to serving you over the coming years.

In closing, I would say that despite all that our library has to offer, it is nothing without our patrons. If you are a regular Library user, thank you for your patronage, and if you haven't visited recently, please try to fit us into your schedule. One visit and you'll be hooked!

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